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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOU HAVE PROBABLY RECEIVED CABLE ON BREMENT'S ORDERS
BY NOW (STATE 305923 SENT 12/17). BROWN ARRIVES
JANUARY 6.

2. RE BERN'S 5781 ON MRS. BUKOVSKY'S REQUEST THAT
EMBASSY POUCH HER BOOKS, WE ARE INCLINED TO TELL HER
THAT WE WILL ACCEPT LETTER FOR TRANSMITTAL TO BAKHMIN
VIA POUCH, BUT THAT WE CANNOT POUCH BOOKS. THIS WOULD
BE A VIOLATION OF BOTH SOVIET REGULATIONS AND OUR POUCH
REGULATIONS. IT SEEMS TO US THAT IF BAKHMIN RECEIVED
LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ARRANGE
FOR SHIPMENT OF BUKOVSKY BOOKS THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

3. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM AFOOT WITH
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AFSA HERE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF GRIPING ABOUT THE
MICROWAVE ISSUE BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED HERE
FROM MOSCOW. YOU WILL BE GETTING A CABLE ABOUT THIS
TOMORROW BUT THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT IS THAT THERE IS
SOME TALK OF "UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES" GROWING OUT OF
AN AFSA MOSCOW CHAPTER MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY DIS-

CUSSION OF SENDING AFSA CABLE OUT. WE CAN DEAL WITH

LATTER POINT BUT ARE IN THE DARK ABOUT THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE AFSA CHAPTER. THE CLAIM IS THAT ATTENDEES WERE "INTIMIDATED" INTO NOT EXPRESSING THEIR TRUE CONCERNS. ANY AMUNITION YOU CAN GIVE US TO KILL THIS IN ITS INFANCY?

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4. AS OF COB WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORT FROM YOU ON SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH CULTURE, WHICH IS OF GREAT INTEREST HERE. ASSUME ONE IS ON THE WAY. WE ARE BEING QUERIED FROM NUMBER OF QUARTERS AND IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL IF YOU CAN SEND US DAILY REPORTS BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS RE ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS.

5. NARCOTICS DISCUSSION: YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD (PER STATE 306325) AND REGRET THE DATES PROPOSED BY MFA FOR A NARCOTICS DISCUSSION WITHOUT COUNTER-PROPOSING A NEW DATE. THE WHOLE QUESTION OF ANTI-NARCOTICS COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIETS HAS BEEN PUT BEFORE THE TRANSITION PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENT AS A QUESTION WHICH SHOULD AWAIT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S ATTENTION. INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WHICH WE HAVE MADE, ALSO SUGGEST THERE MAY WELL BE A SHIFT AWAY FROM DEA PROGRAM OVERSEAS IN THE COMING MONTHS. FOR THE PRESENT, LET IT REST.

WE HAVE GONE OVER THIS EXTENSIVELY WITH JACK GOSNELL.
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